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Benefits Of Charlotte's Orderly Growth Will Be Shared By The Whole State

THEIR heed legislators saw too little heard too much and passed hardly at all.

But a nodding acquaintance is better than none and the transplanted General Assembly was as welcome as daffodils in spring.

Charlotte has to be seen to be believed. It is more than a large economy-size version of Greensboro or Raleigh. It is a budding regional metropolis, the one unifying element of a wide area of North and South Carolina.

Its recent growth has been amazing. It is still growing faster than many would like. For sudden growth means change and change is sometimes uncomfortable.

But Mecklenburgers have reacted well to the challenge. Heterogeneity, concentration, specialization, tension, drive—the characteristics of a city that are always damned in popular American mythology—have been accepted with good grace hereabouts. Mecklenburg, a country boy at heart, is adjusting to urbanization.

It is something more than passive acceptance, too. There is valuable lesson for other cities in Charlotte's demonstration of community spirit and nonpartisan teamwork, of unprecedented cooperation between public and private interests, of industry's willingness to assume a sizable share of responsibility for the community and its welfare, of corporation presidents and other business executives at work in active leadership roles.

Unfortunately, the rest of North Carolina has accepted Charlotte's swift, steady growth less well. "To blazes with your furnished train your chrome-plated merry-go-round," is a fairly typical reaction.

It is understandable. North Carolina is still basically an agricultural state. Urbanization is distrusted. It certainly is never adopted as a desirable goal. Better provincialism than chaos.

Geography has been a factor, too. The Queen City sits in the corner near North Carolina's back door. The centrifugal movement of the city's influence is no respecter of state boundaries. To many come because it makes sense financially—both to the state and its tax base and to industry and its profit ledger.

Charlotte's urbanization simply can mean a sturdier economic future for all of North Carolina. If it is well planned. That is the lesson we wanted the visiting legislators to learn today.



... But Bigness Breeds Problems

come a "linear city" of enormous significance.

But whatever happens to the north and east of us, Charlotte's swift independent growth will continue. This will mean problems almost wholly different from those any other Tar Heel city will face in the near future. The struggle for space, for adequate channels of movement, for educational facilities, for social services, for housing will be intense and can be democratically controlled only through planning.

There is a special opportunity here. There is still time to capitalize on the experiences of northern and western cities, to avoid their mistakes and to profit from their successes in accommodating immense populations.

Charlotte must supply the creative energy and vitality to get the job done. But some help and certainly a great deal of understanding will be required of the rest of North Carolina.

We feel certain that the help will come because it makes sense financially—both to the state and its tax base and to industry and its profit ledger.

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Is Britain's Macmillan Government On Its Last Legs?

By MARQUIS CHILDS

RETURNING from his vain mission to Moscow the magnitude of the task confronting Prime Minister Harold Macmillan cannot be exaggerated. So much both at home and abroad, had been wrong in almost every respect.

Before May of 1960 Macmillan and his Conservative government must go to the country in an election in which a great deal turns for or against the Labor Party. It is evident that if the election were held today Labor would win by a comfortable margin. The Conservative judgment plus the Conservative chances at the very best at 50-50.

UNEMPLOYMENT

The reason is, quite simply, mounting unemployment. About 600,000 workers are unemployed, roughly 10 per cent of the total labor force. In the marginal districts unemployment is almost 20 per cent. The mass stirrings of memories of the grim days of the 30s would transcend the Throgn issue.

But if the mission to Moscow had been even an atmospheric success the situation would have had a different look. The opposition, already united, would have been committed to a showdown on Berlin for which a considerable part of the program is not only unprepared but extremely delicate.

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DUNCAN SANDYS Discontented and Distrust

has visited further a long negotiation and from that the prospect of at least a trace in the cold war.

Premier Khrushchev chose the occasion of Macmillan's visit to make a denunciatory political speech blasting the Western position. Macmillan now appears to be committed to a showdown on Berlin for which a considerable part of the program is not only unprepared but extremely delicate.

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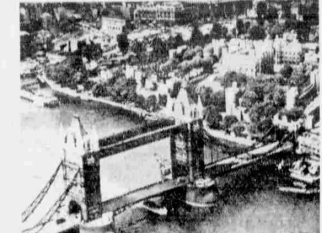
has put virtually his whole stake on the policy of interdependence with the United States. A phase of this interdependence flared up in debate in the House of Commons while Macmillan was in Russia. With Labor attacking and the solemn voice of the London Times raised in admonitory warning it involved the British defense position on nuclear missiles.

Discontent and distrust have long smoldered over the decision of the Defense Minister Duncan Sandys to rely on the American intermediate range Thor rocket. The Quaries said the time was only 15 minutes. The difference is vital, since a missile defense, if it is to deter, must be capable of being launched before a surprise attack wipes out the missile bases.

SHARP ARGUMENT

When Laborite John Strachey, who would be secretary for war in a Labor cabinet, was in Washington recently he had a sharp argument with Under Secretary of Defense Donald Quarles, chief sponsor of the Thor. Strachey insisted that British tests showed that 30 minutes are required to fire the Thor. Quarles said the time was only 15 minutes. The difference is vital, since a missile defense, if it is to deter, must be capable of being launched before a surprise attack wipes out the missile bases.

Sandys' recent white paper on defense declared that the Thors were being used merely for training purposes while Britain's own Blue Streak rocket is in preparation. But the crux of the debate



London Had Allowed Its Hopes To Rise

went to the spending of vast sums for a nuclear deterrent that might not currently deter in view of the great advances recently demonstrated by the Soviet Union in rocketry. While, in the atmosphere of complacency—if not indifference—prevailing in the country the Soviet's link shot beyond the moon seems to have had little effect here, it had a powerful impact on opinion in Europe.

The consequences of a Labor Party victory in England can be foreseen in just one plank of the Labor platform. The party favors admission of Red China to the United Nations. If Britain in the

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The German View

Dulles is Admired

By ERNST-HELGE SCHOENFELDER

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THE news of the illness of U. S. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles has been received with sincere regret not only in his own country, but also in West Germany. On the weekend, Chancellor Adenauer declared that this news saddened him very much. He also referred to Mr. Dulles' recent European trip, an undertaking that was all the more to be appreciated in that Mr. Dulles had been aware that upon his return he would have to undergo an operation.

In contrast to some other Eu-



JOHN FOSTER DULLES "Selfless and Reliable"

ropean countries, Mr. Dulles is very popular in Germany. All good West German newspapers expressed this attitude of esteem for the Secretary of State. In fact, the opinion of some people in Germany.

I found that Mr. Dulles has always been a controversial secretary, but now, since he is missing in such a decisive moment, the whole Western world

STRONG SECRETARY

During the last six years, one could not speak of American foreign policy without mentioning the name of the same time Dulles by virtue of office, the Foreign Office in London had thousands, Moscow, four Parisians. As a strong secretary of State under a weak President, he probably represented the Western foreign policy. This is, in fact, the opinion of some people in Germany.

Quote, Unquote

"All progress is based upon the universal man's desire on the part of every organism to live beyond its income."—Samuel Butler.

"A low letter should begin not showing when you are going to stop, but by not knowing what you have said."—Lord Jowett.

Family Circle

Chalk made Mr. Moore a vice president of Trans-Caribbean, then set him up in his own business. It is no secret around Washington that Moore has benefited from his relationship to the first family. More than once he has squeezed into the Eisenhower's intimate family circle on coast-to-coast television.

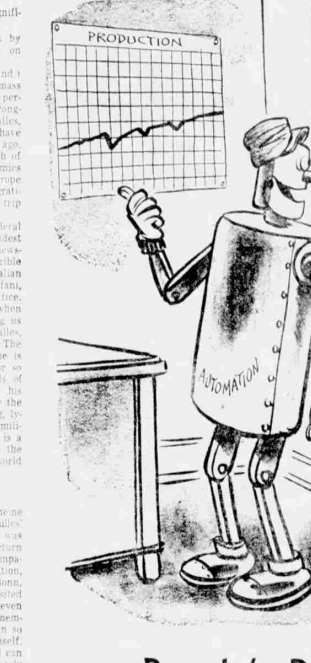
Both Have Prospered

Both Chalk and Moore have prospered handsomely. He entered the White House, thanks in large measure to government deals.

'Look—Things Are Picking Up'

People's Platform

Ministers And Press Lead Nation Astray



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Stevenson Pushed For Dulles' Post

Editors: The News. Subeditor: THERE is no doubt in my mind that the time has come for Eisenhower to appoint Adlai Stevenson as secretary of state.

Business Was Bad

The couldn't make a profit at this low rate unless he filled every plane to 95 per cent. But Eastern and Pan Am can also slash fares to \$45 for coach flights. Chalk couldn't find enough passengers to fill all four planes and his load factor dropped to 87 per cent.

Flying Laboratories

The only way he could get out of the red was to pack the passengers into fewer planes. Then he heard the Weather Bureau needed DC-6s as flying laboratories for its hurricane research. Unable to get DC-6s from the Air Force, the Weather

Chalk's Windfall

The Air Force figures it costs \$306 an hour to operate a DC-6, counting fuel, crew, maintenance and facilities. The Weather Bureau's forecast future hurricane season more accurately and perhaps dispense them before they hit our coasts. But meanwhile the hurricane research has provided a windfall for O. R. Chalk.

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